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REMARKS

Following entry of the amendment, claims 1-6, 9, 14-46, 48, 51, 59, and 62 will have been canceled, and claims 7, 49, 50, 52, 60, and 61 will have been amended. Thus, claims 7, 8, 10-13, 47, 49, 50-58, 60, and 61 remain pending.

The Office Action objects to dependent claims 51 and 62, and indicates that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Office Action also states that “applicant is advised to incorporate the limitation [sic] of claim 51 and claim 62 into the independent claims.” Thus, applicant has incorporated the features of claim 51 (and its intervening base claim 48) into independent claim 7, and claim 62 (and its intervening base claim 59) into independent claim 52. Claims 49, 50, 60 and 61 have been amended to update their dependencies, due to the incorporation of their direct base claims into independent claims 7 and 62.

It should be noted that the phrase “first action” – which had appeared in claims 51 and 62 – has been changed to said “at least one action” in claims 7 and 52, in order to make the language consistent throughout the claims. This change reflects only the correction of a minor typographical oversight, and does not change the scope or substances of the claims.

None of the amendments add new matter.

Based on the amendments, applicants submit that this case is in condition for allowance, and respectfully request that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance.

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